

**EASTERN REGION/VERNAL & ROOSEVELT
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEES
QUARTERLY REPORT**

Region/Chairperson: Jessica Jackman/Carla Wallace and Matt Watkins

QI Meeting/Subcommittee meeting dates this qtr: July 19, August 16, and September 20, 2007

Trend data reviewed: This is a new committee. At this time we are still having our community partners present on why they were willing to come to our QI and what they might be able to offer. In the July meeting I presented some information on foster care. The statistics were number of kids in care in the Eastern region, number in residential care and the needs that we have.

Recommendations from the committee: focus on recruiting foster parents. The group would like us to try our best to keep youth in the area.

Actions Taken: Committee members would like more data in the future. What is the division or the foster care foundation doing to recruit new foster parents and to retain those that we have.

QCR/CPR results reviewed: None reviewed YET.

Recommendations from the committee: None yet. We are hoping to have the committee do some reviews though.

Action Taken:

Media/Public Relations Events/Issues: We would like media folks on the committee. Geoff Lysic recommended.

Recommendations from the committee: Matt work on article with Geoff

Actions Taken: We will have a future article, I just need to tell Geoff when to meet. We still have not accomplished this goal but we have offered to meet with the Uintah Basin Standard.

Regional/Office/Vexing Studies: (nature of the study, barriers identified, problem solving efforts, resource or other support needed)

Reviewed foster care stats. We fail with residential of out of town placements. Lacking local structured homes. Each were asked to seek out those interested in being licensed. DCFS will talk with UFCF.

Recommendations from the committee: Seek out more homes, reclass some homes to be structured. Change their license to care for more difficult youth.

Actions Taken: Matt will share concern with les of the UFCF and all supervisors in the basin. This has been done and well as discussed with the region exec team.

CPS issues/studies: (at least QTRLY) Drugs are the number 1 issue. More removals come from this also.**

Recommendations from the committee: Have more drug awareness trainings for adults.

Actions Taken: None yet. Staff are attending any and all drug trainings though.

**# of QI members serving as QCR reviewers this Qtr:
None**

Other: